

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Examiner: Quang N. Vo  
SHUICHI KUMADA . ) Art Unit: 2625  
Application No.: 10/694,837 ) Conf. No.: 2477  
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
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SECOND  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of that document is also attached, together with a copy of a Japanese Office Action issued on August 6, 2007, in a Japanese counterpart of the present application, in which the listed reference was first cited in any foreign counterpart of this application.

Any fee which is nonetheless deemed to be due should be charged, and any overpayment credited, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the cited document, which is not in English, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the accompanying English abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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